THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. '

(b) The State Government is of the view that since the matter is already under litigation in the Court, the writing off of arrears is likely to create a precedent for them in dealing with other sick units in other sectors.

(c) Measures taken by government for revival of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL), Visakhpatnam are as under:—

(i) Restructuring of its capital base in 1997.

(ii) Assisting HSL in obtaining orders on nomination basis from Government Organisations.

(iii) Assistance under voluntary Retirement Scheme for rationalization of manpower.

(iv) Introduction of Revised Ship building Subsidy Scheme.

Marine Engineering and Research Institutes in the country

2372. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Marine Engineering and Research Institutes in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to open the branches of these Institutes in other States;

(c) if so, the proposals pending for consideration, till date;

(d) whether one such Institute is proposed to be set up in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There is only one Government run Marine Engineering and Research Institute in the country which is at Kolkata, having a branch at Mumbai also.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.